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11 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH : Chief of Operations, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P *(Ref)*
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P - not available

SUBJECT : Navy Request for Coverage of Cambodia, Laos,
and Indo-China

REFERENCE : Memorandum for Chairman, ARC from Navy,
Same Subject, Dated 4 February 1959 (TCS-4354-59)
(Copy 1 fwd to DD/P on ARC-M-109, TCS-4440-59
on 2 March 1959)

1. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (ARC) on 25 February agreed on the above subject that requirements for coverage as noted in the reference were of low priority as compared to other TALENT requirements and would not wish to see capabilities or possibilities for coverage of primary targets jeopardized by acceding to the Navy requirement. However, if for other than requirements' reasons the Project were involved in this area coverage would be appreciated and at such time the ARC would welcome the opportunity to provide specific requirements.

2. On 9 March the Navy inquired as to the disposition of their request, and I told them I would find out.

3. Whereas the Navy requirement is admittedly low in priority, it has occurred to me that:

a. The risk involved in terms of the enemy would be slight if any;

b. Commander, Base C does need, I gather, to engage in flying to keep his troops in shape;

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c. This photography might turn out to be quite useful in the future in an emergency.

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4. I assume that to accomplish coverage indicated would require staging [redacted] Operational factors involved may rule out staging from there unless there was a really high priority. If this were not so, perhaps we could meet the Navy's request.

5. Recommendation: That coverage of Cambodia, Laos and Indo-China (as outlined in reference--TCS-4354-59) be approved if there are operational advantages to such an exercise and the risk is considered very low.

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JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman
Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

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Recommendation in paragraph 5.
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[redacted] **

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.
Deputy Director
(Plans)

** Approved for carrying out
during [redacted] operations
provided that staging at [redacted]
[redacted] not lengthened in order
carry out Southeast Asia missions.

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